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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NEA/ARN DRAPER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (HASSAN, CROWN PRINCE)

SUBJECT: CROWN PRINCE VISIT

1. I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT HASSAN HAS APPARENTLY TRIED THROUGH INDIRECT AMERICAN CHANNEL TO GET AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE SOUGHT APPOINTMENT AT WHITE HOUSE WITH BRZEZINSKI (SUCCESS FOR US), WITH VP (DECISION TO COME NEXT WEEK), BUT NOT REPEAT NOT WITH THE PRESIDENT. ASIDE FROM THE OTHER REASONS FOR NOT RECOMMENDING A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, WE HAD BEEN UNDER IMPRESSION THAT HASSAN WANTED TO BE SURE THERE WAS AN ECONOMIC FOCUS TO HIS WORKING VISIT AND THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO DO THINGS THAT MIGHT LATER LEAD TO CHARGES FROM HIS ENEMIES IN AMMAN THAT HE WAS UPSTAGING HIS BROTHER.

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2. IN A VERY POLITE MANNER, WE HAVE PASSED THE WORD BACK TO THE AMERICAN INTERMEDIARY THAT A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT APPEAR POSSIBLE. I WILL SEND YOU DETAILS OF THIS LITTLE EPISODE BY LETTER, BUT SENSED THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT IT NOW.

3. LET'S KEEP THIS STRICTLY FYI AND NOT MENTION IT TO

HASSAN. VANCE

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